(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) India's intellectual contribution to the UNESCO's programmes has been fully recognised by the Member States. India has been an elected member of the Executive Board of UNESCO since its inception. India is represented on the UNESCO's *Ad-hoc* Forum of Reflection and the International Commission on Learning for the 21st Century which were recently established by UNESCO.

Poor quality and non-availability of NCERT Books

2193. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that school books published by NCERT are not only of poor quality but also not available before the commencement of academic session;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to permit private sector to enter in this field; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) As per information received from the NCERT, its textbooks are well known for the high quality of their content and production. The NCERT has also informed that during the last few years, the NCERT has released its text books much before the start of the academic session. Public information advertisements about the availability of these textbooks are released in all leading newspapers in April every year, which also indicate the addresses and telephone numbers of the NCERT's Wholesale Agents, to enable the Schools/Institutions and the retail booksellers to procure their requirements in time.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

New Synthetic Track at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

2194. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide a new Synthetic track at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi as the existing track has outlived its utility; and

(b) if so, by when the work for the same is likely to be taken in hand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The need to provide a new synthetic track at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium has been recognized.

(b) Matter will be taken up on priority basis, depending upon the availability of funds with Sports Authority of India.

Pucca Building to Senior Secondary School, CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar

2195. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the senior secondary school sanctioned for CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar in 1987 has been running in tents till date;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing pucca building for the school; and

(c) by when the same is likely to be provided?